

Madrecitas Begins New Year



Full Fledged Members

Provisionals, who had completed their requirements for full membership in Las Madrecitas, Auxiliary to the Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopaedic Hospital, were welcomed by the club at its installation luncheon Thursday at Latitude 20. They are, in left picture, from left, Mmes. Arthur Williams, Frank Fisher, John Holt Richter, Jr., Arnold W. Morrison, Robert L. Ker-

ber, Jules V. Fish, Alexander Egger, and John J. Schmidt, Jr. Pictured at the right, from left, are Mmes. James L. Kistle, Gilbert Limberg, Douglas L. Stone, Robert Lindsay, William Varney, Mark Roesler, Jerome Q. Bourne, Phillip Kelly, Richard Bruckwick and Donald Durnal. (Press-Herald Photos)



Take the Reins

New officers installed to direct the activities of Las Madrecitas in its work for the crippled children at Orthopaedic Hospital were, from left, Mmes. John Gale, second vice-president; Ralph Garland, auditor; Frank A. Bescoy, first vice-president; Howard Langpap, president; Robert Zicaro, treasurer; Clarence

Burke, corresponding secretary; Sam Caramelli, recording secretary; and George Inger, historian. Mrs. Langpap, who was one of the 13 charter members of Las Madrecitas, accepted the president's gavel from Mrs. Edward Sokolski. Mrs. Howard Leslie, Jr., founder of the organization, was the installing officer.



Mr., Mrs. Victor Benstead ... On Golden Wedding Day

Children, Grandchildren Honor V. E. Bensteads at Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Benstead, 1621 Beech Ave., long identified with the civic and cultural life of the community, were honored at a reception on Sunday afternoon Dec. 29 from 2 until 6 p.m. in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The party was given by the couple's two daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Byk and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sequeira and Bradley Byk; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banks and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael Banks.

A gold and white color theme was used in decorating and a

gold and white anniversary cake centered the refreshment table. Mrs. Larry Moeder registered approximately 125 guests calling to congratulate the couple.

The honored couple received a money tree and other gifts and cards and a two-page telegram from Vincent Thomas, assemblyman from San Pedro, for whom Mr. Benstead was first campaign manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Benstead were married Dec. 24, 1918 in Los Angeles after which they moved to Torrance. Mr. Benstead has resided in this area for 75 years. For 20 years, he was employed by the CCMO Oil Co. and retired from Columbia Steel in 1965. He served

on the Civil Service Board for many years and was a member of the Torrance City Council for 12 years.

Mrs. Benstead is a member of the Torrance Woman's Club, South Bay Garden Club and the Fuchsia Society. She has served on the Torrance Beautification Commission and is a charter member of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary. Always interested in beautification, Mrs. Benstead, after she was a grandmother, attended El Camino College and received her degree in horticulture. She served as chairman of the Torrance Rose Float in 1958.

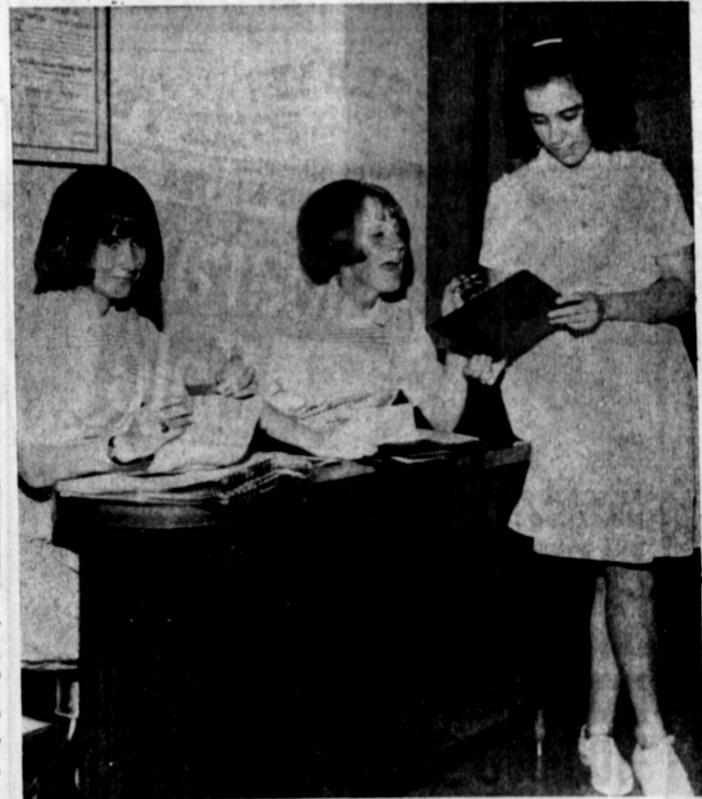
Mr. and Mrs. Benstead are members of Nativity parish.

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Around the halls of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, wearing their crisp pink and white Candy Striper uniforms are 16 high school girls who are finding their place in this busy world. These girls, some of whom are registered in hospital skills classes in their schools and others who are interested in future nursing careers are taking advantage of the opportunity of learning about hospital procedures as well as helping others.

The girls must be 15½ years of age and willing to donate four hours of volunteer work a week at the hospital to be eligible to participate in the auxiliary sponsored program. Mrs. Thomas McGraw is serving as Candy Striper chairman and may be contacted by interested girls.

Three Candy Stripers getting in on some of the secretarial duties are, from left, Suzanne Wood, Narbonne High; Peggy Brown, Torrance High; and Mary Parks of Redondo High.

Other Candy Stripers are Chris Watson, Chris Muro, Mary Davies, Sharon Davis, Jane Durhemel, Jenny Davis, Debra Cowher, Carolyn Grundmann, Torrance; Barbara Bishop, Rolling Hills; Nancy Campbell and Linda Martin, South; and Linda Sprankling, North. (Press-Herald Photo)

There's Work To Be Done